

Summary of Governor's Item Vetoes from Appropriations Acts - 2007 Session

Bill/Section	Subject	Funding Source	Veto Impact	Governor's Explanation
HF 909, Section 3, Subsection 1	HHS Appropriations Act	Carryforward from Gambling Treatment Funds	Strikes the language regarding the use of the FY 2007 gambling treatment remaining funding to be transferred to the Energy Utility Assessment and Resolution Program; the Family Development and Sufficiency Grant Program, and adult drug courts. This \$525,000 now remains for gambling treatment.	This designated paragraph would divert revenues from the purposes for which the Gambler's Assistance Fund was established to accomplish. Furthermore, this designated language would use these one-time carry-over funds for on-going programs, thereby creating future expectations of additional funding. While adult drug courts, the family development and sufficiency grant program, and the utility assessment and resolution program are worthwhile, diverting these funds would be inconsistent with the statutorily mandated purposes of the Gambler's Assistance Fund.
HF 909, Section 4, Subsection 3	HHS Appropriations Act	Veterans Trust Fund	Strikes the transfer of \$150,000 to the Department of Cultural Affairs from the Veterans Trust Fund for the conservation lab facility. This \$150,000 would remain in the Trust Fund and with other language will be available for the Veterans Home Ownership Assistance Program.	Unable to support this subsection because it creates expectations for new or ongoing funding that is not sustainable. These funds are more appropriately used in the Veterans Trust Fund. Diverting these funds would be inconsistent with the statutorily mandated purposes of the Veterans Trust Fund, even though these other designated programs are worthwhile.
HF 909, Section 97, Subsection 3, paragraph e.	HHS Appropriations Act	Health Care Trust Fund	Strikes the \$10,000 allocation from the Department of Public Health Chronic Conditions appropriation from the Health Care Trust Fund for the University of Iowa's College of Medicine extracorporeal support for donation after cardiac death. The \$10,000 will remain within the Health Care Trust Fund.	Unable to support this Subsection because it creates expectations for new or ongoing funding that is not sustainable. Within the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for the Board of Regents-University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, the Governor believes there are sufficient funds available to cover this important program.

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HF 911, Section 1, Subsection 1, paragraph g	Infrastructure Appropriations Act	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund	Vetoes funding for the purchase and installation of decorative planters adjacent to the West Capitol Terrace.	Since FY 2006, the West Capitol Terrace Project has received nearly \$2.8 million in State funding, and the Governor approved an additional \$1.6 million for this project again in FY 2008. The Governor indicated that the local community interests should be able to contribute to the cost of these planters.
HF 911, Section 1, Subsection 4, paragraph c	Infrastructure Appropriations Act	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund	Vetoes funding for repairs to the historic Kimball Organ located in Clermont.	The Department of Cultural Affairs has submitted an application to the Save America's Treasures organization to obtain the necessary funding to restore this important piece of Iowa history. With approval of this application pending, it is premature to approve limited state funding at this time.
HF 911, Section 4	Infrastructure Appropriations Act	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund	Vetoes a \$500,000 appropriation for FY 2009 for distribution to Regional Sport Authority Districts. The FY 2008 funding of \$500,000 was not vetoed.	Unable to approve this item because it provides second-year funding in advance for this project. Will re-evaluate the feasibility of a FY 2009 appropriation for this project after the first year of funding appropriated in HF 911.
HF 911, Section 5	Infrastructure Appropriations Act	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund	Vetoes two FY 2009 appropriations totaling \$1.25 million for improvements at the Volga River State Recreation Area (\$750,000) and Levi Carter Lake (\$500,000). The FY 2008 appropriations for these two projects were not vetoed.	Unable to approve this designated item because it provides second-year funding in advance for these two projects. Will re-evaluate the feasibility of a FY 2009 appropriation for these projects after the first year of funding appropriated in HF 911.
SF 601, Section 42	Standings Appropriations Act	FY 2007 Supplemental	Vetoes \$150,000 supplemental appropriation for study on Plasma Arc technology.	Indicated that the DNR should apply to the Iowa Power Fund for the money.
SF 601, Sections 48 and 49	Standings Appropriations Act	Road Use Tax Fund and Primary Road Fund	Vetoes \$16,800 from the Road Use Tax Fund and \$103,200 from the Primary Road Fund for DOT operations.	Indicated that the DOT no longer needed additional funding.

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SF 601, Section 56	Standings Appropriations Act	General Fund Standing Appropriation beginning FY 2009	Vetoes a new standing of \$1.0 million beginning in FY 2009 for World Food Prize.	Indicated it was a good program but should be reviewed each year during the budget process.
SF 403, Section 26	Supplemental Appropriations Act	General Fund	Struck language allowing a General Fund standing appropriation of \$160,000 to fund operational expenses for the Real Estate Education Program at UNI.	The Governor believed it could be funded within current resources through the Board of Regents.
SF 403, Sections 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38	Supplemental Appropriations Act		Struck language requiring real property with a fair market value of \$5.0 million or more to be approved by the Governor and the majority of the House and Senate.	The Governor indicated that this imposes an unnecessary legislative requirement on the Executive Branch's authority to manage State property.
SF 588, Section 5	Education Appropriations Act	Other Funds - Scholarship and Grant Reserve Fund	Strikes a \$100,000 appropriation from the Scholarship and Grant Reserve Fund to the College Student Aid Commission to provide vocational technical tuition grants to students at cosmetology and barber schools.	The Governor stated that the appropriation did not meet the statutory requirements for use of monies in the Fund.
Various	All Appropriations Acts		Strikes language related to establishing a telecommuting policy.	Some Departments and State agencies have a telecommuting policy which makes this language duplicative and unnecessary.